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INFO AMCONSUL BELIZE

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SUBJ: ERIC WILLIAMS SPEECH AT ECLA CLOSING

GUATEMALA ALSO PASS RECAP

1. PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS IN SPEECH CLOSING SIXTEENTH
ECLA SESSION MAY 14, WADED RIGHT INTO THE MAJOR CONTENTIOJS
ISUE OF THE SESSION, EXCLUSION OF THE U.S. AND OTHER
DEVELOPED COUNTRY MEMBERS FROM ECLA SUBSIDIARY BODIES.
HE SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE COMPALINTS OF ONE
DELEGATION ABOUT EXCLUSION, BECAUSE IN HIS VIEW ECLA'S
PURPOSE IS TO GIVE VOICE TO LATIN AMERICAN VIEWS, AND
LATIN AMERICA HAS COME OF AGE. HE SAID IN EFFECT THAT
THE OUTCOME OF THE STUDY OF ECLA MECHANISMS AGREED TO
AT THIS SESSION COULD ONLY BE THE RESTRICTION OF MEMBERSHIP
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TO REGIONAL COUNTRIES, WITH OBSERVER STATUS ALLOWED TO

OTHER UN MEMBERS. THIS REMARK DREW LOUD APPLAUSE FROM CUBA AND SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS BUT NO SHOW OF ENTHUSIASM FROM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IGLESIAS.

2. WILLIAMS ALSO DWELT ONCE MORE ON THE SINS OF TRANSNATIONAL COPORATIONS IN EMOTIONAL TERMS, INTONING SOFTLY AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT ANY LATIN AMERICAN UNDERSTANDS WHAT THIS PROBLEM IS ALL ABOUT. HE POIINTED PROUDLY TO THE ECLA DECISION TO CREATE A CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION COMMITTEE, AND SUGGESTED THAT A PROMISING AVENUE OF FUTURE CARIBBEAN WORK IS COOPERATION WITH THE CENTRAL AMERICAN INTEGRATION MOVEMENT. HE SAID THAT THE MATURING OF CARRIBBEAN IDENTITY WARRANTS A SEPARATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN IDB FOR CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.

3. IN CLOSING, WILLIAMS DISCLOSED THAT PRIVATE TALKS HAD BEEN HELD DURING THE SESSION BETWEEN THREE PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE BELIZE DISPUTE. HE LAMENTED THE PERSISTENCE OF THIS PROBLEM, AGAIN OFFERED HIS GOOD OFFICES TO HELP SETTLE IT, AND PROPOSED VAGUELY THAT ONE WAY OUT MIGHT BE SOME KIND OF JOINT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM INVOLVING THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET UNDER AN ECLA UMBRELLA IN WHICH THE INTERESTED PARTIES COULD WORK TOGETHER. WILLIAMS SUGGESTED THAT THE NEXT ECLA SESSION IN GUATEMALA MIGHT BE AN OCCASION TO CELEBRATE SOME SUCH RESOLUTION OF THE BELIZE DISPUTE. MILLER

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